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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

KAZUTAMI SAKAMOTO ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATIONS DIVISION

SERIAL NO: 10/800,657 :

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FOR: PROMOTER FOR PRODUCTION OF NITRIC OXIDE OR NITRIC OXIDE SYNTHASE,AND COSMETIC OR PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION COMPRISING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313-1450

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this response.